

## THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Commander-in-Chief Torrance and Adjutant General Burrows, Chief of Staff, Col. Noel Blakeman, and Col. Thomas Scott, of the Executive Committee, reached Washington Thursday noon, and for the rest of the week were extremely busy in looking over the work of the various committees for the National Encampment.

Arrangements for the parade and the various military and social events were being made. Headquarters were established at the Elbert House, where they will be maintained till after the National Encampment.

One of the first questions to demand the attention of the Commander-in-Chief was the route for the parade and its length. In company with Hon. R. H. Warner, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, Gen. Torrance rode over the entire route, and found it satisfactory as to condition and length. The route lies from the Congressional Library down through the Capitol grounds to Pennsylvania avenue, past the White House, Washington Circle, about a mile and a half over the smooth pavements and along the finest avenue in the world. It is not long enough to tire the veterans, and the arrangements were so complete that it is hoped they will undergo no hardships of any character while in Washington.

The next matter to engage his attention was the inadequacy of the free quarters. There never has been such a demand for free quarters before in the history of the Grand Army. It was thought that the new Government Printing Office would give nearly all the room necessary, and it will house about 5,000 men. The committee must now cast about for additional room. It is considered impracticable to try to put the entire army in one place, and the season of the year. Accommodations will be found, but the matter is not settled yet as to how and where.

The bulls for the various Reunions, conventions and meetings were visited, and the Commander-in-Chief found them very satisfactory. The reviewing stands also received the attention of Gen. Torrance, and no fault was found with their location. In fact, the Commander-in-Chief expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the work of the Citizens' Committee. He also said that he believed the 36th National Encampment would be the very greatest ever held yet.

After long consultation and discussion the official program for the general events of the Encampment week was outlined, as follows:

**Sunday, Oct. 5.**—Patriotic services in various local churches, particularly in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Wallace R. Duff, D. D., will preside, and in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where Rev. D. J. Stafford, D. D., will preside.

**Monday, Oct. 6.**—Campfire in Convention Hall at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, at which the members of the veteran associations will be addressed by speakers of national reputation. S. E. Farnce, Chairman of the Local Committee on Campfires, to preside.

**Tuesday, Oct. 7.**—Naval day; parade of special veterans' associations; detachments of Regular troops, District militia, and various civilian organizations to be particularly invited; excursion to Mount Vernon for the delegates to the Encampment; public evening meeting of welcome to the convention held at the Elbert House, where the local Citizens' Committee will extend the freedom of the city to Gen. Torrance and his associates.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8.**—Grand review of G. A. R. by the Commander-in-Chief and the President of the United States, with an elaborate reception in the evening at Convention Hall.

**Thursday, Oct. 9, and Friday, Oct. 10.**—Sessions of National Encampment.

**Applications for Quarters.**

Applications for quarters have been received from the following:

Col. George W. Schaeffer, of Iron-ore, O., for 100 men; Gen. C. W. Evans, of Post 105, of that city, and about 15 ladies.

Gen. S. K. Zook Post, Norristown, Pa., for 75 men; Robert Bland Post, No. 80, Philadelphia, for 100 men; Gen. Thomas Albright Post, No. 485, of Three Springs, Pa., for 25 men.

James R. Tolpelt, Commander of Thorpe Post, No. 193, of Hawley, Pa., for self and staff.

Newton Post, of Newton, Pa., for 25 men.

Brig.-Gen. Elias D. Libbey, Adjutant-General of the Department of Minnesota, for self and party.

Greensburg Post, Greensburg, Pa., for 25 men.

M. Edward Richards Post, No. 595, of Pottsville, Pa., for 50 veterans; the Baltimore Grand Army Post, No. 3, of Central Falls, R. I., quarters for 50 old soldiers.

Gen. W. H. Post, No. 67, of Cincinnati, O., quarters for 100 men; Gen. C. W. Meade Post, No. 44, of Butler, Ind., accommodations for 25 members.

J. B. McPherson Post, No. 117, of Pittsburgh, Pa., applied for quarters for 100 men, and has been assigned to the Hamilton House.

Farragut Post, No. 28, of Peterson, N. Y., wants accommodations for 100 veterans.

M. A. Pettit, of Jersey City, and 10 men from that place have secured quarters at the Orleans.

W. B. Ramsey Post, No. 75, of Parkers Landing, Pa., wants quarters for an indefinite number of veterans.

Col. J. H. Levan, of Pittsburgh, requested quarters for 250 men, and 100 veterans, many of whom will be accompanied by their wives.

**Encampment Prices.**

Hon. M. I. Weller, of the Public Comfort Committee, has passed the following circular, which will be sent to all parties who have secured quarters for the week of the Encampment:

"Owing to the general misunderstanding prevailing on certain matters, this committee deems it advisable to make a few general remarks in regard to quarters registered with this committee."

"Hotel accommodations—The prices quoted for this class of accommodations are the minimum rate of the hotel in question. When not otherwise stated, this rate presumes the quartering of as many persons in each room as can comfortably occupy the same with due observance of the laws of sanitary science."

"Where parties desire separate rooms the charge is generally at the capacity rate; i. e., if the room will comfortably accommodate six persons at \$1 an individual per night, the price of the room will be in the neighborhood of \$4 to \$5 a day. The American plan includes meals in the price quoted. Prices quoted under the European plan do not include meals. Generally the hotel prices quoted include an implied agreement to stay at least three days."

"Bourgeois and private house accommodations—All boarding and private accommodations registered with this committee, and by this committee referred to parties who contemplate attending this Encampment, are carefully inspected by an inspector of this committee, whose sole duty is to attend to this class of work. The report of the 'inspector' embraces an inspection of the premises with regard to their appoint-

ment, cleanliness, toilet and lavatory facilities, etc."

"The price quoted is the minimum rate and generally presumes the quartering of as many persons in each room as can comfortably occupy the same with due observance of the laws of sanitary science. Where parties desire separate rooms they will be generally charged at the capacity rate unless other arrangements can be made. For explanation of 'capacity rate' see hotel accommodations above. Regarding private houses and generally registered accommodations, the committee presumes that the parties will be charged at the capacity rate unless other arrangements can be made. For explanation of 'capacity rate' see hotel accommodations above. Regarding private houses and generally registered accommodations, the committee presumes that the parties will be charged at the capacity rate unless other arrangements can be made. For explanation of 'capacity rate' see hotel accommodations above."

"Note—There are, of course, exceptions to the above rules, but in the absence of definite arrangements the general custom in this class of accommodations is supposed to prevail."

**Invitation Accepted.**

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## ENCAMPMENT NOTES.

At the fourth annual meeting of the 18th Pa., at Gettysburg, Pa., June 3, it was decided to hold a similar one of the Society at Washington during the National Encampment. Comrades W. R. Householder, Harry A. Coughlin, Wm. D. R. R. and Henry A. Foster were appointed a committee to make necessary arrangements. This committee has decided to establish headquarters during the week at the office of Capt. Harry A. Coughlin, Captain of the Watch at the Treasury Department. Members are requested to report to Capt. Coughlin on arrival in the city, when they will be informed of the time and place of holding business meetings. James M. Gibbs, of 219 S. 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa., is Vice President of the Reunion Society.

Col. J. M. Schaffer, of Post 151, Pittsburgh, Pa., has applied for quarters for 50 men and a land. His Post will be accompanied by the Sons of Veterans Band of Xenia, O., and expects to be prominent in the parade.

Comrade W. W. Morse, of Garwood, N. J., a member of the old 2d N. Y., stopped in Washington for a day on his way to attend the Reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Culpeper, the occasion being the 40th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. The 2d N. Y. regiment participated, losing nearly 33 per cent. of its men and all of its line and staff officers by death or as prisoners of war. The remainder of the regiment was absorbed by its old Colonel, Edwin P. Brown, who lost his arm in that battle and who is now 80 years old.

A letter has been received from Rear Admiral Greer, U. S. N., retired, who is living at Atlantic City. He expresses the greatest interest in the coming Encampment, and offers his services to the committee in any way it may desire to make use of them.

The Department Headquarters of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico, and Arizona have been located at the Senate Hotel, 225 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Bosworth Post, No. 2, of Portland, Me., has made application for accommodations for 115 members.

Comrades J. N. Gaskins, John Oiler and James D. Harris, all of Post 140, Shamokin, Pa., were in the city Friday looking for headquarters for their Post, which is probably the richest in the Grand Army. The Post has about \$100,000 worth of property. It owns several store buildings, an opera house, and several other buildings. They want handsome quarters for 170 men.

Comrades J. S. Litzberg, W. A. Kelly and D. E. Buckingham, all of Wilmington, Del., were in the city Thursday and engaged headquarters at 115 Maryland Ave. N. E. Delaware expects to have a good many veterans here during the Encampment.

Shipmates Cyrus Sears and Henry F. Dorton, of Baltimore, representing the Navy veterans' association, which has been organized for 50 Naval Veterans of the Oriole State. It is thought there will be a large attendance of Naval Veterans.

The Department of New Jersey, W. R. C., with Department President Matilda S. Vicker at its head, will be largely represented at the National Convention. Headquarters will be at the New Willard.

A letter from Department President Emily H. Jones, of Greeley, Colo., states that active preparation is being made to attend the National Convention, and it is expected that a large delegation will be in attendance from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Canada has been heard from, and it is now time for Honolulu to report. William F. Given, writing from Cookshire, Quebec, has information of the most marked interest in the Encampment prevails in Canada. A Post now established in Cookshire, one in Quebec and one in Montreal all plan to attend the Encampment, he says.

The Department of Pennsylvania, Ladies of the G. A. R., has located headquarters with Mrs. E. M. Granville, No. 1213 G street, within easy reach of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Convention Hall—Luther Place Memorial Church. The officers and members of the department are: Mrs. Elmina Scritchfield, President; Mrs. Jennie Hays, Secretary, and Mrs. Jennie Trossel, Treasurer.

No one has yet heard the old stereotyped assertion that this is the last "great Encampment" and that after this year the veterans will probably never march again in a parade as long as there is a National Encampment, and these will be held for 20 years yet. The youngest veterans of the Civil War are being made 75 years, as there were hundreds of instances of boys enlisting at the age of 12 and thousands at the age of 15. The war has been over 37 years.

It is quite decided that all the social festivities will be tendered during the three days preceding the Encampment Conventions, so that there will be nothing to interfere with strict attention to business.

**First Corps Campfire.**

Gen. W. V. Dudley, Chairman of the Committee on First Army Corps, is working hard to make the Reunion of that organization a pleasant and profitable one to the veterans who survived its arduous campaigns. In this interest the following circular has been issued: